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SUBJECT: KRIT SIWARA ON NARONG KITTIKACHORN AND KRIT'S OWN POLITICAL
CAREER

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GENERAL KRIT SIWARA HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE MARCH 25. THE
FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS OF AN UNOFFICIALS USIS TRANSLATION
OF HIS REMARKS ON COLONEL NARONG KITTIKACHORN AND KRIT'S
OWN POLITICAL ROLE IN THAILAND. BEGIN EXCERPTS

REPORTER: DO YOU KNOW WHETHER THERE ARE ANY
MILITARY MEN OR ANY PERSONS WHO ARE STILL IN CONTACT WITH
COLONEL NARONG AND WHO WANT HIM TO RETURN TO THAILAND?

KRIT: I DON'T KNOW. THIS IS THE TRUTH BECAUSE IT
IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO KNOW SHOULD ANY PERSONAL CONTACT
BE MADE WITH HIM THROUGH LETTERS. I HOWEVER FEEL CERTAIN
THAT THERE IS NO WAY FOR COLONEL NARONG TO RETURN HERE,
ESPECIALLY WHILE I AM STILL HERE.

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REPORTER: WHY I AM STILL HERE.

REPORTER: WHY AND FOR WHAT REASON?

KRIT: FOR REASONS OF MY OWN. CLOSE WATCH IS KEPT
THROUGHOUT IN REGARD TO CONTACTS MADE, BUT SO FAR AS IS
KNOWN THERE HAVE BEEN MERCHANTS ONLY WHO HAVE GONE AND
BEEN CONTACTING HIM.

REPORTER: THERE ARE WIDESPREAD REPORTS THAT YOU WILL
ENTER THE POLITICAL ARENA JOINTLY WITH AIR CHIEF MARSHAL
DAWEEK AND POLICE GENERAL PRASERT, AND THAT YOU WILL SET UP
THE BIGGEST POLITICAL PARTY.

KRIT: I HAVE STATED ALREADY THAT SO LONG AS I AM A
CAREER GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL I WILL NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO
WITH POLITICS.

REPORTER: IT IS SAID THAT YOU WILL JOIN THEM LATER.

KRIT: THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE AS LONG AS ANOTHER YEAR
AND A HALF.

REPORTER: THERE ARE VERY WIDESPREAD RUMORS THAT A BIG
POLITICAL PARTY WILL BE SET UP.

KRIT: THOSE RUMORS ARE FABRICATED BY THE PERSONS
SPREADING THEM. I AM REALLY NOT INVOLVED AT ALL. I HAVE
MORE WORK THAN I CAN ATTEND TO SO HOW COULD I ENTER THE
POLITICAL ARENA ALSO. I FEEL MUCH HAPPIER IN MY
POSITION AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMY FOR ANOTHER
YEAR AND A HALF.
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